

## --ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A disk drive includes a cartridge holding mechanism which has a small size and reduces a damper load. The disk drive includes a spindle motor which mounts and rotates a disk. A traverse base holds the spindle motor, and a rubber damper flexibly holds the traverse base. A mechanical chassis holds the traverse base through the rubber damper, and a tray mounts a cartridge in which a disk is housed. A loading motor moves the disk in the cartridge close to the spindle motor or away from the spindle motor. The cartridge is supported by the mechanical chassis through the tray.--